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SUBJ: ECE 31ST SESSION: APRIL 6 WESTERN CAUCUS DISCUSSION

OF SOVIET PROPOSAL

REF: (A) GENEVA 2572 (B) STATE 81985 (C) GENEVA 2541

1. WESTERN CAUCUS MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS APRIL 6 TO  
CONSIDER, INTE ALIA, WESTERN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSALS  
FOR CONFERENCES. EC-9 TABLED DRAFT LANGUAGE, TEXT OF  
WHICH FOLLOWS IN PARA 2, BY AND LARGE INCORPORATING  
SALIENT POINTS FROM UK DRAFT OF WHICH WE WERE GIVEN  
GLIMPSE YESTERDAY (REF A). EC-9 FEEL THIS TEXT COULD  
EITHER BE INCORPORATED INTO OMNIBUS FUTURE ACTIVITIES  
RESOLUTION OR INCLUDED IN SUMMARY RECORD AND REPORT OF  
31ST SESSION.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE COMISSION RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBJECTS  
DEALTH WITH BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
AND NOTED THE PARTICULAR INTEREST EXPRESSED BY SOME  
GOVERNMENTS IN THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CONVENING OF ALL  
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EUROPEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES ON THE QUESTIONS

OF CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT,  
DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND ENERGY.  
THE COMMISSION DREW TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
RELEVANT PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES THE TOPICS  
SUGGESTED FOR STUDY AT THE PROPOSED ALL EUROPEAN CON-  
FERENCES ON THE QUESTIONS OF CO-OPERATION IN THE  
FIELDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND  
ENERGY;  
THE COMMISSION INVITED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO  
REPORT TO THE XXXII SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE  
EXTENT TO WHICH THESE TOPICS ARE COVERED IN EXISTING WORK  
PROGRAMMES, AND ON THE TIME AND RESOURCES ALLOCATION  
WHICH FURTHER STUDY WOULD REQUIRE IN EACH CASE;  
THE COMMISSION DREW TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER  
GOVERNMENTS THE DISCUSSION IN THE PLENARY SESSION OF  
THE XXXI COMMISSION ON THE PROPOSALS FOR ALL EUROPEAN  
CONFERENCES AND SUGGESTED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS THAT  
THEY MIGHT WISH, IN THE LIGHT OF THAT DISCUSSION  
AND OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, TO PROCEED TO  
A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE PROPOSALS. END TEXT

3. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ENSUED. WE REITERATED  
POINTS CONTAINED IN OUR INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS, AND  
FURTHER DREW ON SUBSTANCE OF PARAS. 3-5 OF REF B.  
WE STRESSED, AS WE HAVE ON ALL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE  
NECESSITY OF TREATING SOVIET PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC  
PROJECTS AND, PARTICULARLY, THE DANGER IN LIMITING  
ANY FINAL LANGUAGE ONLY TO THREE AREAS RAISED BY  
SOVIETS. RE THE TERM "ALL-EUROPEAN", BELGIAN AMBASSADOR,  
SPEAKING FOR EC-9, NOTED OUR CONCERN(AND THAT OF CANADA)  
AND SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT PROBLEM IN EXCISING THAT  
PHRASE FROM EC LANGUAGE, PERHAPS SUBSTITUTING PHRASE  
"ECE-WIDE".

4. EC-9 EXPRESSED STRONG OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE  
RESOLUTION ON CONFERENCES, WHILE NEUTRALS  
WERE OPEN REGARDING FORM BUT STRESSED  
IMPORTANCE OF SUBSTANCE; E.G. THAT FINAL DECISION ON  
CONFERENCES AND DECISIONS AT BELGRADE SHOULD NOT BE  
PREJUDGED. LATTER GROUP ALSO SAID THEY SAW NO HARM IN  
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MENTIONING AUTHORSHIP OF INITIATIVES AND SOVIET OFFER TO  
HOST ENERGY CONFERENCE. EC, CANADA, US AND OTHERS,  
HOWEVER, EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT RE MENTION OF SOVIET HOSTSHIP,  
FEELING THIS WOULD TEND TO PREJUDGE ISSUE.  
SWITZERLAND OPPOSED INVOLVEMENT OF ECE PRINCIPAL  
SUBSIDIARY BODIES, DISTRACTING THEM FROM WORK PROGRAMS.  
IN RESPONSE BELGIUM POINTED OUT THAT PARA 2 OF  
EC DRAFT ONLY BROUGHT SOVIET-PROPOSED TOPICS TO

THEIR ATTENTION, THE LEAST THAT COULD BE DONE, WHILE  
PARA 3 INDICATED NO ACTION BY PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY  
BODIES AT PRESENT.

5. WESTERN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN (UK AMBASSADOR) AT END  
OF DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT, SUMMARIZED WESTERN THINKING  
AS FOLLOWS: A) EC-9 HAS FORMULATED DRAFT LANGUAGE  
FOR RESOLVING PROBLEM; B) THERE SHOULD BE MENTION OF  
SOVIET INITIATIVE IN WHATEVER DOCUMENT EMERGES BUT NO  
REFERENCE TO SOVIET INVITATION TO HOST ENERGY CONFERENCE;  
C) THERE MUST NOT BE ANY PREJUDGING, EITHER OF  
OUTCOME OF CONFERENCES QUESTION OR OF POSSIBLE DECISIONS  
WHICH MAY BE TAKEN AT BELGRADE; D) THE CONSENSUS IS  
THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SEPARATE RESOLUTION, OPINION BEING  
DIVIDED ON INCORPORATING INTO OMNIBUS RESOLUTION OR  
SESSION SUMMARY REPORT. (IN THIS CONTEXT, MALTA MADE  
INTERESTING SUGGESTION THAT PERHAPS MATTER COULD BE  
DEALT WITH BY HAVING CHAIRMAN REFER TO IT IN SUMMARIZING  
DISCUSSION IN PLENARY ON AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING SOVIET  
PROPOSAL. HE CONTEMPLATED AGREED TEXT ON MATTER THAT  
WOULD CONSTITUTE THIS SUMMING UP.)

6. OUR VIEW IS THAT EC-9 DRAFT NEEDS WORK, (E.G. IT STILL  
TENDS TO BE REACTION TO THREE SOVIET-PROPOSED SUBJECTCTS),  
BUT FEEL WE CAN LET EC HAVE ANOTHER DAY TO TAKE OUR AND  
OTHER'S VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. ALSO, CLEARER PICTURE  
MAY EMERGE AFTER TODAY'S E-W CONTACT GROUP MEETING.  
AT WHICH SOVIET PROPOSAL WILL DOMINATE DISCUSSION.  
WE FEEL THAT ADAPTATION OF APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FROM  
OUR DRAFT (REF C) TAKEN TOGETHER WITH  
REFERENCE TO PLENARY "DECISION" ON PRIORITY PROJECTS  
(OUR AND NORWEGIAN JOINT EFFORT, WHCH HAS RECEIVED GENERALLY  
FAVORABLE RESPONSE IN WESTERN CAUCUS) MAY BE WAY  
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FOR US TO GENERALLY GO ALONG WITH EC-9 DRAFT.  
WE SUGGEST THAT ONE IMPROVEMENT IN EC TEXT MIGHT BE INCLUSION  
IN FIRST PARA AFTER "NOTED" THE FOLLOWING PHRASE:  
"THE DECISIONS OF THE 31ST SESSION FOR PRIORITY  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF ECE ACTI-  
VITY AND SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDING".

7. SUBJECT WILL COME UP FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT NEXT  
WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING TOMORROW MORNING. DALE

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